

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2005-390-C**

Palmetto Utility Protection Services, Inc. ("PUPS") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application requesting that the 811 abbreviated dialing code be implemented in South Carolina for all telecommunications providers in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") ruling. According to the Application, PUPS is the South Carolina one-call notification system formed and operational in accordance with the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act (1978 Act No. 588 § 1, effective July 18, 1978). PUPS' service has been in existence in the prevention of damage to buried facilities across the state since 1978. PUPS currently processes approximately 650,000 notification requests annually and represents over 200 underground facility owners. According to the Application, on May 13, 2005, the FCC designated, and made effective, 811 to be used as the nationally abbreviated dialing code used by state one-call notification systems for providing advance notice of excavation activities to underground facility operators in compliance with the Pipeline Safety Act.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2006** before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission's offices by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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